



# DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Docket Number (10529)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled POLY(LACTIC ACID) OLIGOMERS FOR USE AS A NON-VOLATILE COALESCING AID IN PAINT, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed. NONE

Prior Foreign Application(s):

Priority Claimed

(Number) _____	(Country) _____	(Day/Month/Year Filed) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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(Number) _____	(Country) _____	(Day/Month/Year Filed) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claim of this application is not disclosed in the prior United states application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application. NONE

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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## ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

An aqueous ambient dry decorative or protective coating comprising a film forming matrix polymer of an aqueous emulsion polymer of aqueous copolymerized ethylenically unsaturated monomers modified with at least 3% by weight of a low molecular weight oligomer of copolymerized hydroxy alkanoic acid having 2 to 4 carbon atoms having a number average molecular weight between 300 and 10,000 to provide a film forming binder substantially free of volatile organic coalescing solvents. Preferred oligomers are homopolymers and copolymers of polymerized lactic acid or polymerized glycolic acid.